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The Honorable John F. Keenan
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Southern District of New York
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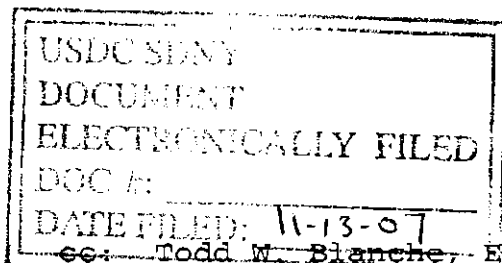
Re: United States v. Celso Melendez
07 Cr. 786 (JFK)

Dear Judge Keenan:

I write to request an adjournment of the conference scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The Government consents to this request.

The parties are close to reaching an agreed upon disposition in the matter. There is still a small amount of discovery that the FBI has not been able to make available to the defense because of some technical difficulties with the video recordings at issue in the case.

Aside from that issue, which we expect to be able to resolve quickly, the parties have agreed in principle on a disposition. For this reason, I respectfully request that the Court adjourn the matter for approximately two weeks at which time I anticipate Mr. Melendez will enter a guilty plea. Because this additional time is necessary for the defendant to fully review discovery and make an informed decision about a plea, Mr. Melendez consents to an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act. The need for additional time serves the interest of justice and outweighs the defendant's and the public's interests in a speedy trial.



Respectfully submitted,

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*Application granted.
The conference is adjourned
until November 28, 2007 at 10 AM.
Accorded
November 13, 2007
John F. Keenan
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